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NEGRO SHOT TO PIECES.

Was Accused of Assault—In Confession
He Implicated Three Others.

(Associated Press.)

Smithville, Texas, Feb. 17.—A negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Powell Tiffany has been captured and shot to pieces by a mob. He was identified as the man wanted, and made a full confession. He was captured about six miles from here. In his confession the negro implicated three others, and it is also said that there are three women involved in the crime. Two of these persons have

been arrested, and the third is now being sought.

HAS NOT RESIGNED.

M. Witte Admits, However, That He Is
Not Anxious to Remain in Office.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, replying to-day to a question regarding the reports circulated yesterday to the effect that he had resigned, said to the Associated Press that he had not resigned, though he was not anxious to remain in office.

ASSASSINATION OF GRAND DUKE SERGIUS

A Bomb Was Throw beneath His Carriage
While He Was Driving to Palace
in Moscow.

The Two Assassins, One of Whom Was Wounded, Have Been
Arrested—Victim Was Condemned to Death by Revo-
lutionary Party in December.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg says a telephone message has been received there from Moscow announcing that an explosion has occurred at the Kremlin, where Grand Duke Sergius has been residing, and that it is rumored that the Grand Duke was killed.

The dispatch adds that no confirmation of the report has been obtained, and that the population of Moscow is greatly excited.

According to another report a bomb was thrown into the Grand Duke Sergius' carriage, and that the latter was blown to pieces.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

The Grand Duke Killed by a Bomb,
Which Was Throw beneath
His Carriage.

London Feb. 17.—Another dispatch to the Reuter Telegram from St. Petersburg says that a later telephone message from Moscow states that the Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated when driving towards the Kremlin and near the court of justice.

His carriage was followed by another vehicle containing two men. A bomb was thrown beneath the Grand Duke's carriage, there was a violent explosion, the carriage was shattered and the Grand Duke was killed.

The assassins were arrested. One of them was wounded dangerously.

Several students have been taken into custody.

ANOTHER REPORT.

Carriage Was Blown to Pieces by the
Explosion.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The Associated Press has received a dispatch from Moscow stating that the Grand Duke Sergius while driving in a carriage to the Kremlin at Moscow to-day was assassinated by a bomb, which was thrown beneath his carriage. The carriage was blown to pieces.

The assassins were arrested. One of them was dangerously wounded. Some students who were in the city were taken into custody.

NOT UNEXPECTED.

It Was Known at St. Petersburg That
the Grand Duke Was a Marked
Man.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—4.50 p.m.—The news of the tragedy in which the Grand Duke Sergius was blown up created a tremendous sensation in St. Petersburg, where the announcement by telephone from Moscow arrived during the afternoon.

Owing to the intense excitement prevailing at Moscow, few particulars are ascertainable.

The tragedy in reality was no great surprise, as it was known that the terrorists had already condemned the Grand Duke to death, and ever since the affair of January 22d, the inauguration of a bomb-throwing campaign had been expected.

The Grand Duke Sergius was a brother-in-law as well as uncle of the Emperor, and who had exercised immense influence at court.

As governor-general of Moscow the Grand Duke Sergius was intensely unpopular. His advent as governor-general of Moscow was followed by expulsion of the Jews from the central provinces, and throughout his administration his rigorous and harsh measures aroused the greatest hostility, especially among the students. Two years ago, after the students' riot, in which many were killed or wounded, several hundred expulsions to Siberia followed under the orders of the Grand Duke Sergius and Gen. Trepoff, Governor-General of St. Petersburg, and Interior Minister Boulignac.

The Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the Russian Emperor and formerly governor-general of Moscow, is understood to have been condemned to death by the revolutionary party in December last. The governorship of Moscow was abolished early in the year, and the Grand Duke, according to dispatches from Moscow, on January 4th kept closely to the well-guarded Nickonka palace on the outskirts of Moscow, retaining his position of commander-in-chief of the military district. Later in January, however, it was announced that the Grand Duke had sought refuge in one of the palaces of the Kremlin. He has been classed as the most reactionary member of the imperial family, as the head of what is referred to as the war party, and has been stigmatized by the Liberals as Russia's evil genius. The Grand Duke Sergius was born in 1857, and was married in 1884 to Princess Elizabeth, of Hesse-Darmstadt. They have no children.

As there were many threats made against his life the Grand Duke was obliged to flee to his summer residence, 20 miles from the city. During the strike disturbances the Grand Duke left the Dikobuchy palace on the outskirts of the city, where he had been living, and took refuge inside the ramparts of the

DISAPPEARED ON HONEYMOON.
Body of Major Harry Pakenham Has
Been Found on Beach of Folke-
stone, Kent.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 17.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Major Harry Pakenham while on his honeymoon at Folkestone, Kent, last week, has been partially cleared up by the discovery of his body on the seashore near there this morning. Major Pakenham was a son of Gen. Ralph Pakenham, and his mother was a daughter of Wm. Clarke, of New York. He married on February 5th in London Miss Marianne, sister of the late Lady Annesley, and was staying with his bride at a hotel in Folkestone. Three days after the marriage, Major Pakenham went out for a stroll, telling his wife that he would not be long. The next day his overcoat was found in the harbor, and a note in a pocket said he was sick and saw no prospect of getting better. Major Pakenham contracted enteric fever during the South African war.

CHANGE HANDS.

(Associated Press.)

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 17.—The Hazel Kirke coal mine and the Hazel Kirke Gas Coal Co., owned by F. M. Kirke, of Cleveland, have been sold to Kuhn Bros. of Pittsburgh, for, it is said, the sum of \$1,000,000.

RUSSIANS SHELL
JAPANESE POSITIONS.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—The following official announcement was made here to-day: "On Thursday the enemy's artillery bombarded our positions in front of Shiaeopao, Hanchapao, Mengetapo and vicinity."

"To-day at five in the morning the officer in command of our scouts encountered and repulsed a detachment of the enemy's infantry about 100 strong near Pinniulupao."

"The enemy had come southward since Wednesday, and retreated north to Winkanfang, ten miles southwest of Chitaitse."

RUSSIAN OFFICERS
BROKE THEIR PAROLE.

New York, Feb. 17.—A Washington dispatch to the Sun says: "The government of the United States has called upon the Russian government for an explanation of a serious breach of international faith on the part of the officers of the Russian cruiser Lena, which sought refuge in the harbor of San Francisco in September. The Lena was dismantled and sent to the Mare Island navy yard, while her officers were paroled for the period of the war, and her crew placed under the surveillance of government officials. Through naval officers at Mare Island the authorities have learned that officers of the Lena—an engineer and two midshipmen—have broken their parole, and an investigation of the state department has disclosed that they have returned to Russia and offered their services to their government."

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DURING SEVEN MONTHS

Manitoba Wishes to Extend Its Boundary
to Hudson Bay—Delegates Interview Premier.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The number of immigrants who arrived for



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COMMONS VOTED DOWN AMENDMENT

GOVERNMENT MAJORITY WAS SIXTY-THREE

Premier Balfour's Reply to the Liberal Leader—Lord Hugh Cecil's Brilliant Speech.

London, Feb. 17.—The majority of 63 by which Mr. Asquith's amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne was rejected by the House of Commons last night is regarded as giving the government the first move in the political game, and as finally disposing of any present prospect of dissolution of parliament.

The real event of the night debate was the brilliant speech delivered by Lord Hugh Cecil, which is stated, both by friends and enemies, to be his finest oratorical effort and one of the best speeches ever delivered in the House since the Gladstone-Salisbury period, and as placing Lord Hugh Cecil in the forefront of possible leaders of the Conservative party. Lord Cecil is the leader of the Conservative free traders, and the Liberals had placed their hopes in him to turn out the government. He disillusioned them by contending that the free trade cause would gain by keeping the present government in office still longer, and whilst he mercilessly pulled to pieces his cousin's (Balfour) ambiguous attitude on the fiscal questions, he declined to vote for the Asquith amendment.

The majority of Conservative free-traders will follow Lord Hugh Cecil's lead, and apart from the possibility of some unexpected subdivision, the government's position is considered safe.

The scene during Lord Cecil's speech was somewhat curious, and was intensified by his peculiar gestures, recalling the appearance of his father, the late Lord Salisbury, at the same age. A couple of yards separated him from Premier Balfour, sitting alone in his treasury bench. "It is the business of a premier to make himself understood," said His Lordship. "If he confesses that he is not understood, then he throws up the sponge."

Then he laughingly said that if Mr. Balfour would give him an office without a portfolio, he would undertake to make his policy perfectly clear to the whole country. He feared, however, that his own ministerial career, though sensational, would be brief and that the government would soon be defeated. In conclusion, Lord Hugh declared that the free traders were winning all along the lines. He had no intention, he said, of leaving the Conservative party. The Conservative free traders were the inheritors of true Conservative traditions. "In time," the speaker said, "you will forget your bad memories. The future is with us. It is possible that we sacrifice mental stability by an act of physical motion."

This speech practically concluded the debate, and members trooped out to the lobbies, discussing it with admiration.

Shortly before the time for division, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman attacked Premier Balfour, charging that he was afraid to face the House of Commons or the country with a definite statement of his position with regard

to the bill prohibiting the sale and manufacture of cigarettes in New York.

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FOUR WERE KILLED.

Further Details Regarding Explosion on a British Submarine Boat.

Queenstown, Ireland, Feb. 16.—Four men killed and fourteen injured, of whom three are in a critical condition, was the result of two explosions on board the British submarine boat "A 5" in the harbor to-day. The killed included Engineer-Artificer Caffe, a leading stoker and a stoker. Lieut. H. H. Good, commander of the vessel, was blinded. His condition is critical. Lieut. Skinner, an officer of the submarine boat, subsequently died of his injuries. Only one man of the entire crew escaped uninjured.

Was a New Boat.

London, Feb. 17.—The "A 5" was a new boat and only left her builders on Saturday. After extensive and satisfactory trials, she was ordered to Queenstown to familiarize military officers with the appearance of a submarine boat.

Sixty army officers were present to witness the diving experiments which led to such a tragic result. The crew were entirely volunteers. The explosion was heard ten miles away, and shook the convoy Hazard from stem to stern. Dense volumes of smoke were seen immediately pouring out of the only outlet in the helpless submarine. The rescuers report that it was only by superhuman efforts that they were able to force their way through the stifling fumes. They were repeatedly driven back, and when finally they reached the lower part of the boat, they encountered a terrible spectacle. Of the wounded and dying crew only one was able to speak coherently, and was begging to be saved. The rescuers were forcing up the second manhole forward when the second explosion occurred, blowing one of them twenty feet upwards. He fell in the water and was rescued. Others were slightly wounded. The Hazard sent a fresh rescue party, and one by one the dead and injured were brought up, the rescuers in each case returning prostrated and faint with the fumes of gasoline. Lieut. Skinner was delirious and tried to tear himself away from his rescuers.

As the submarine was on fire, she was towed to the dockyard basin, where bluejackets made gallant efforts to get the only body remaining below, that of an engineer. They were almost asphyxiated before they succeeded. Afterwards the fire was extinguished. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

King Edward has sent a message expressing deep regret and heartfelt sympathy to the relatives.

SIEGE TIES ARRIVE.

Have Been Mounted by Japanese Below Mukden.

Mukden, Feb. 15.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Japanese fired Tuesday and are firing to-day on Putlioff hill, with eight-inch guns carrying 250-pound projectiles, indicating that they are siege guns used at Port Arthur and the first to be mounted in position before the Russian lines below Mukden. A new situation therefore confronts the Russians' centre and the general situation appears to have been rendered more uncertain and complicated by the battle of Sandus and the arrival of open weather, indicating an early spring.

Gen. Oku's headquarters, Feb. 14, via Fusun.—(Delayed.)—A group of Russian cavalry apparently has again begun activity on the Japanese left. Details regarding the strength and movements of the cavalry have not yet been obtained, yet the utter failure of the last raid gives rise to the belief that nothing is to be feared from the present attempt. The weather is rapidly moderating and the snow is almost gone.

MURDERED BY BOARDER.

Fred. Bond Found Guilty of Killing Man Whose Wife He Loved.

Bolse, Idaho, Feb. 16.—A verdict of murder in the first degree has been returned by the jury against Fred. Bond, on trial for the murder of Charles Daly, in this city, last October. Bond was a boarder at the house of Daly, and appears to have been in love with the latter's wife. Daly was shot and struck with a hatchet. Mrs. Daly at first represented that she had killed her husband, but it developed that she was persuaded by Bond to tell that story. She is held as an accomplice and was the principal witness against Bond.

TWO FIRES.

Post Office, School, Newspaper Office and Bank Threatened With Destruction.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 16.—A serious fire is raging at Edinboro, seven miles north of here. The post office, state normal school, newspaper office, First National Bank and several other buildings are threatened with destruction. Fire companies from this place have gone to the scene.

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WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Budapest, Feb. 16.—In view of the failure of Count Andrássy to form a ministry, former Premier Wékerle has been summoned to Vienna to see the Emperor-King. It is probable that former Premier Szell also will be consulted.

CLOSED OWING TO COLD.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 16.—The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has ordered the suspension of a number of its collieries until Monday on account of the intense cold.

WORLD'S BOWLING RECORD.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The Bensingers, of this city, have established a new world's bowling record for three games by rolling an average of 1,061 1/2. The best previous record was that of the Empires, of this city, when they rolled an average of 1,056 1/2.



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—I want a job in house work, garden, etc. I am willing to work by the day, week or month, and am willing to work for a steady, permanent position. Address P. O. Box 508, city, or No. 174 Government street.

KAI CHUNG & BRO., 158 Government Street, Employment agency; servants and laborers for any work. Ring up phone 1123.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

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DRESSMAKING done by the day or at home. Apply 26 Quadra street.

WANTED—Chickens, for laying purposes. Apply J. R., Times Office.

C. M. COOKSON, plumber and heating engineer, special work. Estimates given on all kinds of piping, heating and sewer work. Headquarters for up-to-date English washstands. Tel. 674. 97 Johnson street.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 17.—5 a.m.—Heavy rain has fallen in California, showers in Arizona and New Mexico, and snow at Bismarck and Chicago, but elsewhere, both east and west of the Rockies, fair weather prevails over this part of the continent. In California it is warmer, but northward to Vancouver Island temperatures are normal. In the Northwest Territories and Manitoba it is colder, with temperatures again close to or below the zero point. The pressure is decreasing on the British Columbian and Washington coast, and the high area is now central in Kansas.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds, generally fair and warmer. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, generally fair and warmer.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, 12 miles N.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 32; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 6; minimum, 6; wind, calm; weather, clear. Barkerville—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 6; minimum, 6; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.92; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, 60; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 4; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather, fair.

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\$126; total, \$126. Maple Ridge, 1890, \$1.84; 1900, \$470.36; 1901, 54¢; total, \$472.74. Matsqui, 1899, \$2.34; 1900, \$877.50; 1901, \$48.77; 1902, \$104.42; 1903, \$3.73; 1904, \$3.73; 1905, to date, Feb. 15th, \$3.73; total, \$1.134.02. Sumas, 1890, \$11.78; 1901, \$14.81; 1902, \$2.15; 1903, \$13.26; total, \$42. Grand total, \$2,582.31.

On Account of Sinking Fund—Chilliwack, 1900, 5¢; 1901, \$164.56; 1902, \$80.09; 1903, \$85.48; 1904, \$17.71; 1905, to date, Feb. 15th, \$38.50; total, \$350.39. Maple Ridge, 1890, \$1.00; 1900, \$1.00; 1901, \$1.00; 1902, \$1.00; 1903, \$1.00; 1904, \$1.00; 1905, to date, Feb. 15th, \$1.00; total, \$487.50. Sumas, 1890, \$5; 1900, \$6.05; 1901, \$2.02; 1902, \$5.08; total, \$17.63. Grand total, \$1,068.21.

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Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows: "31st December, 1904, \$402,432.25; 15th February, 1905, \$853,803.11."

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R. L. Drury asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

1. What tenders were received by the department, pursuant to advertisement for a 21 year lease of timber limit on Rondeau Island, known as lots 2,098 and 2,099, group 1, New Westminster district, containing 2,908 acres?

2. In what newspapers were the limits advertised?

3. What time was allowed for parties to tender on same?

4. To whom was the lease granted, and what was the amount of bonus obtained for the limit?

5. Had the department any information as to the quantity and quality of the timber on the said limit before disposing of same?

Hon. R. F. Green replied as follows:

"1. Tenders were received from the Brunette Sawmill Company and Messrs. Hall & Shamus."

"2. Colonist, Times, News-Advertiser, Ledger and Columbian."

"3. From 28th July to 10th August."

"4. The Brunette Sawmill Company—\$2,650."

"5. No."

John Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. To how many persons has South African land scrip been issued?

2. To how many persons have two grants of scrip been issued?

3. Have more than two grants been issued to any person?

4. To how many holders of scrip have lands been granted?

5. How many grants of land have been applied for?

6. Where are the lands (by districts) granted situated?

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8. Have any applications been received for lands reserved by the crown in the neighbourhood of Port Simpson, Kitimat, or other likely termini of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

"1. 1789."

"2. 48 volunteers have obtained two scrip."

"3. No volunteer has obtained more than two scrip."

"4. 227."

"5. 410."

"6. Coast district, 64; New Westminster district, 24; Osoyoos district, 29; Kootenay district, 43; Yale district, 4; Lillooet district, 10; Kamloops district, 9; Clayoquot district, 9; Cariboo district, 4; Cassiar district, 6; Renfrew district, 6; Rupert district, 5; Sayward district, 11; Highland district, 1; and Cowichan district, 2—total, 227."

"7. Coast district, 98; New Westminster district, 6; Osoyoos district, 17; Kootenay district, 32; Kamloops district, 25; Clayoquot district, 3; and Cassiar district, 2—total, 183."

"8. Yes; for land on Kai-en Island."

Mr. Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. What crown lands have been disposed of by public competition for the year ending 30th June, 1904?

2. Where were the lands situated?

3. How many acres were disposed of?

4. What was the price (per acre) realized in each locality?

5. What was the total amount realized?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

"1. Town lots and suburban sections in Hastings townsite, and town lots at Hedley, Bella Coola, Camborne and Morrissey mines."

"2. Answered by reply to No. 1."

"3. Prices ranged from \$25 to \$139 per acre for suburban sections, Hastings townsite, the only place acreage parcels were sold."

"5. \$65,024.72."

Mr. Oliver asked the Minister of Finance the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to submit the evidence given before the assessment commission to the House for their information?

Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows:

"Yes; when the report is presented."

J. B. Brown asked the government during the present session of the legislature to submit a measure for the compulsory arbitration of labor disputes?

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows:

"Not at present."

Animals Act.

The House then went into committee on the act to amend the Animals Act, with Price Ellison in the chair.

When the proposed section of the bill providing that it should be unlawful for "any bull, that is, any bull not pedigree, certified, graded or classed for breeding purposes, to run at large at any time," the Minister of Finance announced that this section had been dropped.

This section was really the only one

in the bill as introduced. On its second reading the opposition pointed out that it left things so indefinite that no conviction could be had for under it.

The government members voted down the proposal to strike this section out, but in turn to-day backed down and withdrew the section.

J. F. Garden brought in an amendment intended to provide for the killing of a dog held to be "vicious" under the act, by providing that on proof being given before a magistrate "an order shall be directed to a constable or other peace officer, and shall require the owner or person in possession of the dog to deliver up to the constable or other peace officer, within three days from the date of the order, to be destroyed in accordance with the terms thereof; and, in default of compliance with said order, the owner or other person aforesaid shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20 and costs, to be recovered in summary manner. Provided, however, that the payment of such fine shall not in any way nullify the order for the destruction of the dog."

This, Mr. Garden said, was to remove any ambiguity as to whether the dog was to be destroyed if the owner paid the fine imposed.

W. J. Bowser thought provision should be made for an appeal being allowed.

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THE TARIFF AND BETTER TERMS.

The walls of the legislative halls across the Bay will ring to-day with complaints about the evils of the system which compels us to contribute vast sums in revenue to the Dominion treasury and the brutal tenacity with which the federal government clings to the money after it has got it. It is conceded, of course, that a bargain is a bargain and that it is customary for parties who have entered into a lawful agreement to expect to be compelled to live up to the terms of the contract. It is said experience has shown that British Columbia was not patriotically served by her representatives who went East to subscribe to the terms of union—that the wits of the Eastern men were as sharp as the frosts of their winters and that they, in characteristic Eastern fashion, took advantage of our less alert delegates. Well, perhaps that is a matter of opinion. The terms were fully discussed and every possible provision was made that could be made to place this province on exactly the same financial level as the other provinces in the day she embarked upon her career as an integral part of the Dominion.

IN EXTREMIS.

Grand Duke Sergius was the man who maintained that Great Britain as a power was responsible for all the woes of holy Russia. Some of the people of Russia evidently harbored the absurd belief that Grand Duke Sergius and his class were more or less closely connected with the misfortunes, the oppressions, the injustices and the sufferings meted out to the peasantry. The Grand Duke has gone to his reward, and with the memory of hundreds of dead upturned faces—faces of unarmed men, defenceless women, and even the faces of helpless little children—lying in the streets of the principal cities of the Empire, slain by the orders of Sergius and his kind, who shall say that the end of the man was not in absolute harmony with the character of his life? The ruling class of Russia claims that the ruled class is not possessed of a mind fit to rule itself. But are the judges capable of expressing an unprejudiced opinion? The men who speak for the peasantry evidently hold with considerable tenacity to a contrary opinion. We who have been reared under a different system and under different circumstances may deprecate the manner in which the reformers express their opinions. On the one side there is murder under authority—on the other side retaliation, which from an unbiased point of view cannot be considered as without justification. The Emperor and his advisers are cognizant of the temper of the people, and instead of proposing concessions in line with the spirit of the present age they resort to measures in harmony with the traditions of the autocracy, which are centuries behind the times. They rely upon the army to mutilate the bodies, to subdue the spirits and to crush the aspirations of the people. The time may come when even the army may fall them. With a weak Emperor upon the throne, a blind aristocracy divided in their counsels advising him, a disheartened army led by incompetent generals losing battles to foreign enemies, an ill-manned fleet in two minds whether to go forward and fight or to retreat and take refuge in some convenient port, the condition of Russia would seem to be about as desperate as her most inveterate enemy could desire.

At the present day no one would venture to say that the supplying of its people with water for domestic purposes is not a proper enterprise for a municipality to undertake. In course of a short time very few will be found ready to oppose a suggestion of city corporations furnishing their citizens with light also. The one is almost, if not quite, as necessary as the other. Our free-will offerings are pronounced to be a drain upon the resources of the province. Unless we get a greater proportion of them back we must inevitably sink into bankruptcy. This is a curious position for the advocates of "adequate protection" to take. If any other man than Prenter

McBride were arguing in such a manner we should unhesitatingly set him down as insincere. But to mention McBride in association with humbuggery would be absurd. The Prenter's natural capacity, too, is beyond question. His training has been at fault. That is all. Now he observes that the shortest and surest road to better terms lies through a reduction of the tariff, we have little doubt that he will become a fiscal reformer.

SURPLUSES AND DEFICITS.

When the first Conservative government of Ontario had took office a week ago there was a cash balance in the bank to the credit of the province of nearly four million dollars. Now we are told it is all gone. We predicted that that surplus would soon disappear after the Tories got the treasury door pried open. But we fully anticipated that the four millions would keep Mr. Whitney and his friends rolling in affluence for three or four years at least. The jubilations of the Tory and independent press at the determination with which Premier Whitney withstood the demands of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt and Mr. R. R. Gamey seem to have been premature.

It will now be in order for the government of Ontario to join the government of British Columbia in presenting a memorial to Ottawa setting forth the impossibility of a party which possesses in a marked degree the genius for administration conducting the affairs of the two greatest provinces of the Dominion upon the revenue extractable from present taxable resources. It cannot be done.

It is true Ontario managed to pay her way for about forty years and to accumulate the surplus aforesaid under the terms allotted her by the Terms of Union, but then the Ontario government that has just passed out of existence was noted for its parsimony. Macdonald and Blake and Mowat and Hardy and Ross were not broad-minded, liberal-handed, pleasure-loving gentlemen such as British Columbians have been in the habit of late years in setting up to rule over them. If the Ontario ministers had travelled more at the public expense their ideas would probably have expanded in proportion to the mileage covered and the cost to the people of their investigations. Their eyes would have been opened to the folly of heaping up surpluses for their successors to spend.

However, the day of small things in government is at an end in Ontario also. When Premiers McBride and Whitney lay their claims to federal allowances commensurate with the status of the governments they represent and the number of patriots that look to them for appointments, what excuse can possibly be trumped up by the upstart Grit tyrants for refusing to accede to their demands?

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An' how yer ambition has suddenly grew, When you care for a girl!

An' then you don't care to be stayin' out late, An' your home-goin' always is sober an' straight,

An' your mind's always thinkin' o' Wednesday night's date, When you care for a girl!

Never before had you owned a clothes-brush;

Never longer you say to the married man, "Tush!"

An' you find out how easy it is to talk mumbish, When you care for a girl!

Now are you "on"?

My! how you hated to carry a shawl! Now you lug bundles all day till you fall; You even say "Music," when kids start to hawl,

When you care for a girl!

Flowers were things that you'd never prefer;

Now every rosebud reminds you o' her.

Yes, things as they ain't like things as they were,

When you care for a girl!

SOME LUCRATIVE TRICKS.

Theodore Waters in Everybody's Magazine.

Never do panhandlers make the mistake of appealing to the reason—the emotions of the crowd only are attacked; there is always a complete human story in the pose. What, for instance, could be more compelling of sympathy than the spectacle of the bent old grayhead patiently and despairingly, as it seemed, grinding a wheezy old organ which he had tied into a broken-down baby carriage? The suggestiveness of that perambulator, coupled with the walls of that organ, more forlorn than mortal child ever uttered, was worth dollars a day to the old fellow. It was art, reprehensible art, of course, but art, nevertheless. And the artist grew rich, for when investigated by the police he was found to be the owner of many houses in Hoboken.

Again, could there be anything more likely to excite compassion than the crust-throwing trick? It was invented by a German beggar, named Lang, whose French disciple, Lemaire, practised it subsequently.

I have seen a crust-thrower operating in Sixth avenue. It was before the time of this investigation. He was a semi-well-dressed man who walked swiftly down through the crowds of shoppers. Suddenly he uttered a hoarse cry and darted out into the roadway, where, pouncing upon a crust of bread (which he had thrown there previously) he began gnawing it ravenously.

Feb. 16th, 1905.

SHOULD BE REMOVED.

To the Editor:—In to-night's paper, speaking of the attractive new C. P. R. buildings, you aptly refer to the disfigurement of the shore line by the James Bay club house. Will you kindly inform your readers how this ugly building came to be erected on the foreshore and by what authority it is permitted to be maintained?

Is the J. B. A. the owner of the foreshore or a lessee thereof, and, if so, who from and for how long?

The J. B. A. is a worthy institution which the citizens are proud of, but its high and ugly club house is a blot upon the beautiful parliament buildings, the view of which from the water, it materially obscures.

First impressions are so important that this should not be longer permitted if it can be prevented, and even if the association has the absolute right for all time to disfigure what is perhaps the most imposing view in the city that we have to offer to tourists, the time has come for its members and the city council and the Tourist Association to meet and see if some amicable arrangement cannot be come to whereby the club house may be moved to some other convenient spot where it will not harm and disfigure the town. Seeing that the three bodies mentioned have the interests of Victoria at heart there should not be much difficulty in coming to an understanding.

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You wish to know if that investment is safe.

You want to know if you will make that journey, and if it will be successful.

You are anxious to know if you will soon, or ever, be well again.

You wish to know if the loved one will return.

You wish to know if your past troubles will annoy you in the future.

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A parade of the Victoria College cadet corps has been ordered for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock in the drill hall. The corps will parade in uniforms and side arms will be worn.

The Seamen's reading room has been removed from Store street to its new home, No. 12, Langley street, corner Broughton street, opposite the old customs house, and will be opened to the public as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed.

The death occurred at Quatsino a few days ago of old Chief Cas-E-Lus, whose picture was published in a recent supplement of this paper. He was given a Christian burial. Before his death he had seen his picture in the paper and sent word to the Times expressing his gratitude for its publication. The late Chief Cas-E-Lus was one of the oldest Indians on this coast.

A hotel for tourists visiting Quatsino is projected. There is no better hunting or fishing grounds on the coast than Quatsino, and it is believed a hotel run in conjunction with the new hotel in this city will prove a strong attraction to travelers. It is claimed that there are great possibilities in a business of this kind. The beaches of lower California which attract tens of thousands of people every year can offer tourists no such sport as the West Coast of Vancouver Island, where every kind of game known to the province are found.

Watsoo, the Kitkita Indian who, suspected of witchcraft, was shot as he neared the Kitkita reservation in a boat, will recover from his injuries. A dispatch to the Times from Port Simpson says that an operation was performed by Dr. Kergin, assisted by Dr. Wilson, and it has been a complete success. The patient is doing well and is practically out of danger. Four shots fired at Watsoo did not take effect, but the fifth struck him about an inch from the backbone, near the kidney. The ball penetrated the abdomen, tearing through the intestines in three places.

Wm. R. Mackenzie, auditor for the Lewis & Clarke Centennial Exposition, will open in Portland in June, left yesterday after spending several days here in an endeavor to induce the provincial and municipal authorities to provide for a representative exhibit there. He interviewed the provincial authorities yesterday and obtained the assurance that if the Dominion government would undertake a Canadian exhibit the local government would heartily co-operate. Mr. Mackenzie will advise the exposition directors on the desirability of making some earnest effort to induce the Dominion government to act in the matter.

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To-morrow will be a red-letter day for bargain seekers at the salvage sale, 23 Johnson street. A large consignment of men's and boys' suits will be opened for the sale to-morrow.

This evening a masquerade ball will be held by members of the Assembly Club at their hall, Fort street. Preparations have been in the hands of a capable committee for several weeks and a pleasant time is assured. An excellent musical programme will be provided by J. Fawcett and Miss Thane. It is announced that those attending are not compelled to assume costumes.

The attendance at the evangelistic services which are being held in the Centennial Methodist church is increasing from night to night. The members are taking a deep interest in the services and all signs point to a very successful series. This evening Rev. G. K. B. Adams will speak. Sunday promises to be a day of special interest. A large platform has been erected upon which there will be a choir which will render a number of choruses. Special Gospel songs will be sung. The pastor will preach morning and evening.

The Watson Company will open an indefinite season at the Redmond on Monday evening next presenting one of the most powerful dramas of modern times, "The Power of the Cross" or "The Christian." As John Storm the steadfast man of honor, Hayden Stevens has few superiors on the stage today, while Miss Ethel Roberts as Glory Quayle has won and deserved the highest praise from press and playgoer wherever she has appeared in the role. For a week in Vancouver this powerful bill packed the People's theatre to the doors, and many were the requests for a repetition of the bill. The price and policy which have made the Redmond theatre such a success will prevail throughout the Watson engagement, and the usual matinees will be given Wednesdays and Saturdays.

TO ENFORCE THE ACT.
Provincial Government Will Appoint Game Wardens for the Province.

The provincial government evidently intends adopting the recommendation of the delegation from the Victoria and Vancouver Game Clubs, which waited upon Premier McBride and his colleagues about a month ago. It will be remembered that the former requested that some steps be taken to provide for the more stringent enforcement of the Game Act, and suggested the appointment of a head warden empowered to select three deputies, one to have control of Vancouver Island, another on the Lower Mainland, and the third on the interior. To-day it was announced from an authoritative source that A. Bryton Williams, a prominent sportsman residing at Vancouver, had been selected as superintending warden. This will be good news to all interested in the protection of game, as Mr. Williams is an acknowledged authority and is thoroughly acquainted with every section of British Columbia.

Mr. Williams is expected to name his deputies in the course of a few weeks. When this is done they will immediately commence preparations for the forthcoming season. As already stated, each warden will have charge of one of the three districts into which the province has been divided. They will organize their respective sections as well as possible, and, as only the most efficient men will be chosen to act, they may be depended upon to take precautions against transgressions of the Game Act. Members of the Victoria and Vancouver clubs, therefore, should be congratulated on having secured what all true sportsmen desire—the assurance of the strict enforcement of the Game Act.

These deputies will be required to submit reports of their work to the head warden at regular intervals, and the latter in turn must report annually to the government.

PERSONAL.

J. S. Clute, ex-mayor of Rossland, has taken up his residence in Victoria as superintendent for Vancouver Island of an insurance company. Last evening Mrs. Clute arrived from Vancouver to join her husband.

J. L. Beckwith, C. Lampton, Jas. Anderson, C. P. Schwengen, C. E. Renouf and J. Fowler were among the arrivals from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria.

S. J. Lounsbury, of New York, and Mr. Mooney, Philadelphia, both agents of the Great Northern Railway Company, have been paying Victoria a visit.

Geo. R. Powell, W. K. Houston and F. Bird were among the passengers from the Sound yesterday afternoon by the steamer Princess Beatrice.

E. J. Coyne and B. W. Greer, C. P. R. officials, came over from Vancouver last evening. They are registered at the Driad hotel.

J. P. Babcock, provincial commissioner of fisheries, arrived from Seattle by the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday.

P. J. Pearson arrived from the Mainland last evening.

W. D. Jardine, of Bullion, Cariboo, is in the city for the first time in five years. He is much impressed with the improvement of the city since that time. Mr. Jardine is store keeper for the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company.

The Gazette also contains the following appointments:

Alexander Hannay, Watson, of Elkto, to be a Justice of the peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

Peter Inrie, of North Saanich, to be a license commissioner for the North Victoria license district, in the place of Julian Brethour.

Constable Duncan McGillivray, of Lytton, to be chief license inspector for the West Yale license district, in the place of Constable J. F. Sayre.

G. A. Kerr, of Discovery, and Charles R. Bourne, of Atlin, to be license commissioners for the Atlin license district,

SHIPPING

MAKES ANOTHER TRIP.

One more trip will be made on the Alaskan run by the steamer Amur because she is tied up for her annual spring overhauling. On the Amur's return the Princess May will be ready to replace her. The Princess May has been having her machinery overhauled and considerable painting done, and will be in good shape for the coming season. She will be operated singly on the route for a while, until such time as navigation on the upper Yukon opens and the usual spring travel commences, when the two ships will be placed in service.

IN PORT ON COAST.
Salvage sale, 23 Johnson street, is drawing large crowds. Why? Because not one thing, but everything is a bargain. See advertisement on page 7.

The executive committee of the Great Lakes Dredge and Tug Owners' Protective Association have effected a wage agreement with the firemen and lifemen. In the agreement for 1905 wages for firemen remain at \$80 per month and for lifemen \$50 per month.

The Pennsylvania railroad will buy new equipments costing not less than \$23,000.00 this year for its lines east and west of Pittsburgh, and if the entire programme is carried out as originated, the cost will be \$27,000.00.

The Umaticla arrived last night from San Francisco, and the City of Pueblo, of the same line, will leave for the Golden Gate this evening. The latter's passengers from this city will include A. White, H. H. Scovil, Miss M. E. Hays, Mrs. J. P. A. Maloney, J. S. Kucher and A. E. Kitchingham.

The Dominion steamer Kestrel, with W. W. Stumbles, of the department of marine and fisheries, aboard, left Victoria early this afternoon for Chemainus and Comox, at which points Mr. Stumbles will inspect the books of the pilotage authorities.

The British barque Haddon Hall, which has been on the Victoria Machinery Company's ways in the upper harbor for the last few weeks, will be launched to-morrow morning.

The steamship Brinkburn sailed for San Francisco last night. It is expected that her cargo will be sold on her return to that port.

The Wilbur L. Smith sailed yesterday with 120,000 feet of British Columbia lumber to Taku, China.

The Inveransey, now at Vancouver, has been chartered to load at Chemainus for Australia.

The steamship Iyo Maru is en route to this port from Japan.

The collier Titania passed from sea this morning.

BANQUET AT CLOVERDALE.

Entertainment Given By Club in Honor of Intermediate Basketball Champions.

There was a large attendance at the banquet given last evening by the Cloverdale club and the Ladies' Auxiliary at the Burnsides mission. It was in honor of the intermediate basketball team of that association, which has won the championship for the past two seasons. Besides club members and residents of the district there were present representatives of the James Bay Athletic Association, V. W. A. A. and Y. M. C. A. H. Tanner, M. P. P., was in attendance.

A delicious repast had been provided for the occasion, and judging by the remarkable way in which the good things faded away, everyone was most appreciative. The inner man having been satisfied speeches were called for, and the first to deliver an address was the chairman, H. Tanner, M. P. P. He congratulated the intermediate players upon their success in winning the trophy for two consecutive years, and promised to do all in his power, financially and otherwise, to assist in securing a new hall for the club. He was enthusiastically applauded.

J. C. Croot, president of the association, was the next speaker. He briefly outlined the club's history, and enlarged upon the remarkable progress made in all branches of athletics since its inception. There was no doubt that a club building could be erected in the near future. Committees were busy making preparations, and it was hoped that funds would be available to commence construction work. Concluding, Mr. Croot made a few happy remarks, and was accorded quite an ovation.

After addresses of a congratulatory character had been given by several visitors, the remainder of the evening was devoted to parlor games, etc. Those present did not disperse until the early hours, and all voted the affair an unqualified success.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A NOTABLE CAREER.

Several weeks ago an announcement was made by the Times of the death of Dr. W. G. Mitchell, a well known English football player at the Jubilee hospital. A copy of the London Field just to hand gives the following outline of his career:

The death is reported from Victoria of a player of the Rugby game who might claim to be regarded as one of the most skillful and resourceful backs that have ever worn the English cap. Mr. Mitchell was educated at Bromsgrove School and Caius College, Cambridge, where his residence began in 1884. Although he gained a place in the University fifteen as a three-quarter in his second year, and went through a tour in Yorkshire and Lancashire in that capacity, it was not until a few days before the Oxford and Cambridge match of 1886 that he was tried in the position which he afterwards filled with so much eclat. A fine performance against the Bradford Alfred gained him his "blue," and he had the satisfaction of playing in a winning game before Messrs. J. Le Fleming, M. M. Duncan, E. B. Bruton, W. R. M. Leake, and M. T. Scott. In the following spring he was chosen to represent Cambridge in the University sports at Little Bridge as a weight-puller. Entering at Guy's hospital, he made his mark also in Association football, and he played for Richmond at three-quarter for a couple of seasons, as well as for London against the Western Counties. In 1888 no international matches were played by England, but Mr. Mitchell was chosen for the South against the North, and, on the resumption of friendly relations between the four Rugby Unions, he was chosen in 1890 to act as full back for the English team, a position which was accorded to him without hesitation throughout until the end of the season 1890-91. Although he was more than once on the losing side, no part of the responsibility for defeat could be laid upon him, and he was conspicuous, for good defence even at Richmond in 1891, when the Scottish team gained so decisive a victory. Though he was not always distinguished for long kicking, he rarely failed to find touch, and his well-timed, neat and courageous tackling could compare in its way with that of his most celebrated precursors, Messrs. Tristram and Taylor. In stopping the runs of fast forwards on a wet ground he had no superior. Mr. Mitchell was a member of the team which made a tour of South Africa in 1891, and on his return continued to do good service for the Richmond F. C. He played once more for England, against Scotland in 1893 at Leeds, and, on a very heavy ground, hardly did himself justice.

CENTRAL V. COLLEGIATE.

A league match will be played to-morrow morning, commencing at 10 o'clock, at Beacon Hill, between the Central and Collegiate school teams.

A TOUR PROPOSED.

A dispatch from Montreal, dated yesterday, says: "A Canadian Rugby players can prepare for a visit to Great Britain during the season of 1906-7, as negotiations are now under way for an all-Canada fifteen to tour Great Britain during that season. It was originally intended to have a team leave Canada during the coming season, but as all the available time has been secured by the New Zealand players, it would be inadvisable for the Canadians to go abroad during the time suggested."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

CENTRALS DEFEATED.

A fine game was played on Thursday afternoon between the Central boys and North Ward teams. The Centrals won by one goal to nil.

THE FINAL GAME.

An intermediate league match will be played between the Victoria West and Capital teams on Saturday at Beacon Hill. This game will decide the local championship. The kick-off will take place at 3 o'clock. Appended are the respective teams:

Capitals—Goal, G. Temple; full backs, E. Robinson and W. Ross; half backs, E. Jeffs and B. Johnson; forwards, Messrs. Cowper, Gregg, Peden, Clarke and Baylis.

Victoria West—Goal, H. Cobbett; full backs, H. Patton and H. Stevens; half backs, D. Clegg, P. Morris and H. Patterson; forwards, N. Tait, B. Dodd, J. Anderson, E. Fawcett and S. Okell. Reserves, H. Dakers, T. Pennington, J. Dakers and B. Muir.

ANOTHER LEAGUE GAME.

A match will take place at Oak Bay tomorrow afternoon between the Victoria West and H. M. S. Egeria teams. It will commence at 3 o'clock.

GARRISON VICTORIOUS.

Yesterday afternoon an Island League match was played between the Garrison and Bonaventure teams at the Canteen grounds. It was won by the former, the score being six goals to nil. Although the sailors were outclassed, they held their own obstinately. Full backs, half backs and

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even sons of the forwards gathered about the goal for the purpose of preventing the soldiers from making successful attacks. For a time these tactics of defence were effective. Shortly before half time, however, the Garrison scored twice in quick succession. During the second period the Bonaventure team played a more open game, and as a result the Garrison scored four times. As referee Mr. French, of H. M. S. Egeria, gave satisfaction.

AT CANTEEN GROUNDS.

The Bonaventure and Victoria United team will play an Island League game tomorrow afternoon at the Canteen grounds. This will be interesting, in view of the fact that the civilian eleven is the same that will eventually meet the Garrison in a final struggle for the championship. The Victoria United team follows: Goal, H. Cobbett; full backs, H. A. Goward (capt.) and S. Lorimer; half backs, W. L. Lether, C. S. Thompson, H. E. Tyre; forwards, B. Schwengens, C. Berkley, L. York, J. Lawson and A. O'Donnell.

HOCKEY.

TO PLAY NANAIMO.

To-morrow morning the Victoria High school eleven will meet the Nanaimo ladies at the Coal City. The Victorians will leave by the morning train and will line up against Nanaimo at 3 o'clock as follows: Goal, Miss Boyd; full backs, Miss Dahl and Miss Rydys; half backs, Miss Bell, Miss Summerville and Miss Fisher; forwards, Miss Moore, Miss Westwood, Miss Spencer, Miss Grant and Miss Green.

BILLIARDS.

MATCH LAST NIGHT.

The Driard tournament was continued last evening, a game being played between C. Stanford and R. H. Allerton. It was won by the former, the score being 300 to 290 points.

An exhibition will be given this evening by Mr. Toot, a professional English player. He challenges any three local enthusiasts.

ATHLETICS.

MEMBERS, ATTENTION!

A meeting of the Victoria West Athlete Association will be held this evening at the club rooms for the consideration of important business. A full attendance is requested.

RASPBERRY EXHIBITION GAME.

On Monday evening a match will be played between Wilson Bros' and the Fernwood business men's team. The game will take place at the Fernwood hall, commencing sharp at 8 o'clock. The respective teams follow:

Wilson Bros.—Guards, Russell and Rogers; centre, Hughes; forwards, McDonald and Peden; centre, Jones; forwards, Dahlby and Peden.

A GENERAL CHALLENGE.

A challenge is issued by the Y. M. C. A. business men's team to the police force, firemen or electric railway employees.

HANDBALL.

F. Y. M. A. TOURNAMENT.

This evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m., the F. Y. M. A. tournament will be resumed. All those participating are asked to attend as it is important that these games should be played off as soon as possible.

Appended are the results of the series to date:

Player.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
P. K. Winch	10	10	0	100
B. E. Jones	7	6	1	85
H. Jameson	9	7	2	77
W. F. Merchant	12	9	3	75
R. Wescott	10	7	3	70
W. P. Bassett	12	7	5	58
A. Marconini	8	4	4	50
W. Wilson	8	4	4	50
A. Barnes	8	4	4	50
E. Wescott	12	5	7	41
W. Malcolm	6	2	4	33
H. Spangler	7	2	5	28
H. Gray	12	3	9	25
W. P. Davis	9	1	8	11
B. V. Johnson	4	0	4	0
B. Selman	8	0	8	0

PASSAGERS.

For steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver—C. F. Lindmark, A. E. Harvey, D. Welsh, D. F. Dickson, J. L. Beckwith, W. E. Pickett and wife, J. Porter, R. H. Wallace, J. L. Stanford, Mrs Hayes, R. Muir, Ambrose Foy, Miss Guille, Miss Guille, Mrs Devereux, C. J. Johnson, Miss Taylor, J. Barrett, C. Lampton, Mrs Robertson, E. B. Morrison, W. H. Manner, F. S. Long, A. Lammer, T. N. Yates, S. F. Olney, Mrs. Rogeron, J. Smith, J. Anderson, G. P. Schwengens, J. B. Williams, C. T. Jacobs, P. J. Pearson, D. R. McKay, C. E. Renouf, Mrs Jackson, H. O. Martin, E. Wilson and wife, G. F. Powell, Mrs Patterson, J. McDermott, A. G. Leeson, Miss Richardson, W. C. Wenday, Major D'Orsonnes, J. A. Wallace, E. J. Coyle, B. W. Greer, J. McGowen, J. Fowler, Capt G. W. Robertson, Prof. Dongour Jony.

For steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—S. R. Henderson, P. Cotzian, H. Isaacs, I. E. Fairchild, Mrs Fairchild, Geo R. Powell, Mabel Ewing, P. H. Gillman, M. Smith, Mrs A. Paape, E. R. Bourne, G. Stoll, Mrs Stoll, J. H. Howard, J. Patterson, J. Kingland, F. Riley, A. J. Clark, J. P. Babcock, L. A. Norris, W. K. Houston, H. Firth, H. H. Will-

son, C. D. Ewing, J. Middleton, W. H. Allison, Capt J. B. Patterson, F. Bird, W. J. Talc, H. Smith, S. J. Hopkins, L. C. Gilman, J. E. Pharo, M. McGuire, J. A. Campbell, E. O. Benedict.

Per steamer Umatilla from San Francisco—O. F. Hill, J. Coulthard, J. Gregory, J. Dougall and wife, Mrs L. Hamlin, A. McLean, G. Cornwell, A. McDonald, Mrs T. Jeffs, Miss F. Wey, F. Gamble.

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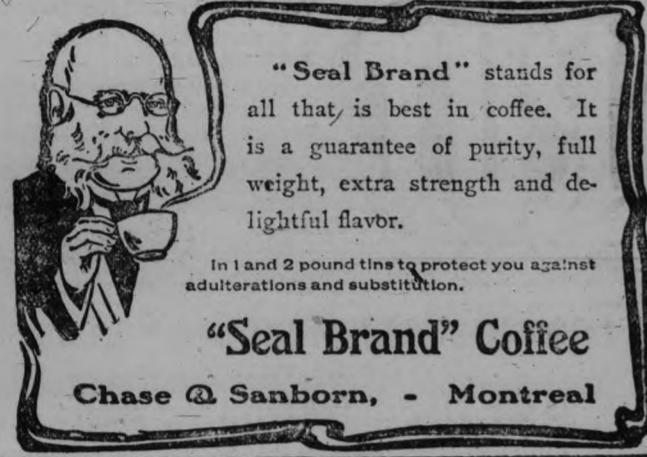
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HOSPITAL DIRECTORS

Held a Regular Meeting Last Evening—
Donations Acknowledged.

The directorate of the Jubilee hospital met last evening, the president, R. S. Day, in the chair. Besides the chairman there were present Messrs. Helmcken, Wilson, Brett, Forman, Humphrey, James, Dr. Hasell and Secretary Elworthy.

The question of dealing with chronic cases in the hospital was discussed. There are quite a number of patients there incurably ill, and the opinion was expressed that it was time an infirmary ward should be provided for cases of this kind.

A clipping from an English paper outlining a plan for the provision of a children's fund by hospital patrons in their wills was forwarded by Lindley Crease. The matter was tabled for consideration.

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from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor. His Honor will receive the thanks of the board for his kindness. The trees will be duly planted.

A report from the finance committee containing a recommendation regarding the resident physician's salary was adopted. During the evening the board discussed the question of providing improved sewerage and drainage facilities at the hospital.

The Mann bill to provide a government in the canal zone, has been passed by the United States House of Representatives. The bill gives all the right of government of the canal zone to the President until the end of next congress, but secures the inhabitants in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion. It abolishes the Isthmian canal commission and places the work of the construction of the canal in the hands of the President and such persons as he may employ or appoint.

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INTERVIEW:

Madame Fried Griselda in Institute Hall
—J. H. Stoddart Next Week.

In Institute hall this evening Madame Fried Griselda will give a grand concert, in which she will be assisted by Miss Harris, Mrs. G. Smith and Dr. Nash. The programme appeared in yesterday's Times. An exchange from India, which is the scene of Madame Fried Griselda's most recent triumph, says: "Madame Fried possesses great gift. He voice is powerful yet mellow, true, flexible and of great compass." She has complete and easy mastery over it; high or low notes, loud or soft issue forth without apparent effort, impressing the hearer with the idea of a large reserve of power. In the second part of the programme Arditi's "Estas" was magnificently sung, the well modulated tones of a grand voice filling every corner of the hall and pausing on passing in full sympathy with the ecstasy to which the singer gave expression."

J. H. Stoddart.

Miss Mathes is said to have made great progress in her art, and to have a company of unusual strength. The following is from the Vancouver News-Advertiser of Jan. 3rd: "Strong company, snappy play, entertaining specialties, crowded houses. Clara Mathes is back. She is a favorite, and after an absence of three years, returns with a company the personnel of which is new throughout. All good, too. Her repertoire is new, and if the plays are all as good as that of yesterday, the bright side of life will decidedly be hers, and incidentally the managers, while they are in Vancouver." The bill for the first part of the week will be "The Russian Spy." The company change the entire programme twice a week, and all the plays will be new to the city unless some of Miss Mathes's former successes, such as "Nell Gwynne," should be requested. For the last half of the week the play will be the Irish comedy drama, "A Daughter of Erin." Seats may be reserved one week in advance.

Clara Mathes.

Clara Mathes and her new company will begin an engagement at the Crystal theatre on Monday, December 20th. As most of the company's scenery is too large for the theatre, a scenic artist has been engaged, and each production will be properly staged.

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Notice is hereby given that an application will be made on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company to the Parliament of Canada at its present session for an Act ratifying and confirming an agreement between the said Companies for the sale of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of the railway and properties in the said agreement described, declaring the said railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada and authorizing the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to acquire and operate the same and issue bonds, debentures, consolidated debenture stock or other securities to aid in the payment of the same, such other powers as may be necessary and expedient in order to carry out the purposes and objects of the said agreement. Dated this 14th day of February, 1905.

A. R. CREELMAN,
General Offices Canadian Pacific Railway
Company, Montreal, P. Q.
Solicitor for Applicants.

NOTICE

Take notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next regular sitting, for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me at my residence and formerly held by me at the premises known as the Western Hotel, on Store street, Victoria, B. C., to John Henry Gosnell.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1905.

N. HANSEN.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of JANE SOPHIA BALES, Late of Victoria, British Columbia, Deceased.

Take notice that probate of the last will of the said Jane Sophia Bales, dated 6th September, 1895, was on February 10th, 1905, issued by me, Arthur John Weaver Bridgeman and William Frederick Adams, of Victoria, B. C., the executors therein named.

All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to send full itemized particulars thereof, verified by statutory declaration, on or before the first day of April, 1905, to the undersigned for the execution of the same, after which date proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard only to such claims of which they shall have then received notice.

All persons indebted to the deceased are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forth with to the said executors.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 10th February, 1905.

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H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, B. C.,
14th February, 1905.

Second Naval Sale

I am instructed by Dr. Home, Medical Officer, to sell at

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ELECTRIC CO.ASSESSMENT REPORT
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Tuesday—Estimates Delayed
Account of This.

The report of the assessment commission which sat a few weeks ago is all complete and practically ready for presentation to the House. The members of the commission will within the next day or two affix their signatures, and the report will then be brought in to the legislature.

It is contemplated that this report will be brought down on Tuesday. They done any legislation which may be contemplated in the way of amendment to the Assessment Act will be brought in.

All this will be necessary before the estimates are brought down. The estimates, it is said, are practically prepared with the exception of those items which may be affected by legislation to be introduced this session.

The municipal committee of the House met this morning and considered the changes in the act recommended by the North Vancouver delegation a few days ago.

The question of cities acquiring public utilities also came up. This was in a petition from Fernie asking that municipalities be given power to operate telephone systems. An amendment to the Municipal Act was accordingly recommended.

W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P., raised the question that a difficulty might arise in cities or towns where a private company had inaugurated a system. He suggested that provision be made whereby municipalities be empowered to appropriate such systems providing they extend those interested proper remuneration.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., then suggested that this form of expropriation should extend not only to telephone systems, but to all public utilities.

A recommendation to this effect was entered in the report to the House.

The resolution regarding better terms, standing in the name of Premier McBride, was on the order paper of the legislature for to-day. When it was reached this afternoon the Premier passed it over. The House adjourned at 3 o'clock.

FIRE FIGHTER BY INSTINCT.

Local Transportation Agent Who Loves
the Roar of Battle.

A well-known local transportation agent has of late developed an eccentricity which is winning him great fame along the whole coast. It is nothing less than an eager, one might describe it as an uncontrollable, desire to measure his strength with the fire fiend at every opportunity of any proportions. When the big conflagration occurred here last year he covered himself with glory, water and ashes, in his efforts to supplement the work of the fire department. At one time he narrowly escaped the position of commander-in-chief of a hose line, and during the brief period he presided over the nozzle he succeeded in extinguishing not only the flames in his immediate vicinity, but also the good nature of his friends who stood near rapt in admiration of his daring. He lost a suit of clothes in this fire.

The other day he was in Seattle when the big Schwabacher building went up in

Referring to regimental parade ordered for Tuesday evening, 21st inst., dress will be reviewed with forage caps, i. e., men will wear tunics and forage caps instead of these.

Referring to R. O., No. 5, para. 5, those companies not divided into 4 sections of approximately equal strength will be barred from taking part in the competition for C. O.'s prize.

The following men, having been attested, will be taken on the strength from the date hereafter mentioned and will assume the regimental number opposite their respective names: No. 273, Gr. A. G. Carmichael, February 13th; No. 274, Gr. C. H. J. Belgen, Feb. 13th.

By order,
D. B. McCONNAN, Capt., Adjutant.

—Mr. Justice Martin presided in the Admiralty court this morning and heard an application to fix the date of trial of the action Vermont vs. Abbey Palmer. The 3rd of March was the date fixed.

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